and Homoeopathic system of medicine in future; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/ proposed to be taken during the year 1996-97 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) Due to paucity of resources no new CGHS Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispensaries could be opened during the last 10 years in Delhi. Proposals for providing more facilities for beneficiaries under the Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic system of medicine have been included in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Code for take-over/Merger of Companies Evolved by SEBI

1924. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new code for take-over and merger of companies and firms has been lately evolved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI); and

(b) if so, what were the main flaws and loopholes in the earlier code governing such transactions and what are the major modifications introducted in the system through the new code?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) SEBI has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice P. N. Bhagwati, former Chief Justice of India to review the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquistion of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1994. The objective of the Committee is to suggest amendments in the existing regulations with a view to strengthening the regulations and making them more fair, transparent and unambiguous and also to protect the interest of investors and of all parties concerned in the acquistion process.

Losses of Indian Airlines

1925. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines are running in losses even if operating destinations of North-East and non-lucrative tourist destinations are not taken into account; and

(b) the practical steps proposed to make Indian Airlines a profitable organisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps have been taken by Indian Airlines to improve its product, image and on time performance to attract more passengers and increase revenue.

New Airports to taken up in Karnataka

1926. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) which are the new airports likely to be taken up in Karnataka both by Private Sector, State Government or Airport Authority of India;

(b) whether the existing airport, at Mysore, Bellary, Hubli and Belgaum are functional; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to introduce smaller aircraft between these Centres, if not, whether Government would consider such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Airports Authority of India has a proposal for construction of an airport at Hassan for 50 seater aircraft operations. Government of Karnataka has signed a MOU with a consortium headed by TATA Industries for the construction of an airport of international standards at Devanahalli near Bangalore.

(b) Hubli and Belgaum airports are functional and the airport at Mysore is

non functional. Bellary airfield belongs to Indian Air Force.

(c) Indian Airlines/Alliance Air does not have any small aircraft in their fleet at present.

Criteria for selecting MCLRA for IA and AI

1927. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to adopt fresh criteria for selection of Medium Capacity Long Range Aircrafts and 50 seater Aircrafts for Indian Airlines and Air India and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government are aware that delay in the selection of aircrafts is hitting the Indian Airlines expansion plan and if so, by when the proposed selected is proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The proposals regarding acquisition of Medium Capacity Long Range aircraft by Air India and 50 seater aircraft by Indian Airlines are, at present, under consideration of the Sub-Committee of the Boards of Air India and Indian Airlines respectively. It is not possible to indicate at this stage any time frame within which final decision about selection of aircraft is likely to be taken.

Recommendations made in the conference of Chief Justices of High Courts

1928. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations made in the recent conference of Chief Justices of High Courts;

(b) the number of recommendations accepted and how many have not been accepted so far; and

(c) the reasons for not accepting all the recommendations so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The Chief Justices' Conference held on 26th and 27th October, 1996 passed several resolutions. These resolutions, inter-alia, concern extension of medical benefits to retired Judges, Report of the Committee on Code of Conduct, Uniform nomenclature of cases, Amendment of High Court Rules for expeditious disposal of cases, Working of Lok Adalats, Transfer Policy, Financial Powers of the Chief Justices of the High Courts and Housing Scheme for Judges of the High Court and the Supreme Court including retired Judges.

(b) and (c) the Government is already seized of the resolution concerning the provisions of medical facilities to the retired Judges, Action on the remaining resolutions is to be taken by the Supreme Court/High Courts.

New Bill on Judicial Reforms

1929. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a New Bill on judicial reforms during the Winter Session of Parliament; and

(b) whether Government also propose to review the civil laws on the present day system of taking into custody a person merely on the ground of suspicion and if necessary, by having people from political parties on the National Judicial Service Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) A proposal for the amendment of Civil Prodedure Code, 1908 is under active consideration of the Government and a Bill may be brought soon before Parliament.